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SUBJECT: BOMB THREAT AT MUTUAL LIFE CENTRE BUILDING (SITE OF NEW
CHANCERY)

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1015 HOURS, DECEMBER 6, 1976, AN ANONYMOUS
BOMB THREAT WAS CONVEYED BY TELEPHONE TO THE MUTUAL LIFE CENTRE
BUILDING IN KINGSTON. THIS IS BUILDING WHICH WILL HOUSE NEW
CHANCERY.

2. OPERATOR ON DUTY AT MUTUAL LIFE ANSWERED TELEPHONE AND STATED
GOOD MORNING, MUTUAL LIFE," AT WHICH TIME THE CALLER INQUIRED
"IS THIS MUTUAL LIFE?" OPERATOR REPLIED "YES". CALLER THEN ADVISED
"THERE IS A BOMB PLANTED ON YOUR BUILDING - LEAVE THE PREMISES
NOW." OPERATOR ATTEMPTED TO ASK WHERE BOMB WAS LOCATED BUT
CALLER HUNG UP.

3. OPERATOR IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED MUTUAL LIFE PERSONNEL OFFICER;
LOCAL POLICE WERE NOTIFIED AT APPROXIMATELY 1020. MUTUAL LIFE
OFFICERS WERE ADVISED BY POLICE THAT BOMB SQUAD WOULD BE
DESPATCHED. AFTER QUICK CONSULTATION, MUTUAL LIFE OFFICERS
ORDERED BUILDING EVACUATED AND THIS WAS CONDUCTED IN AN ORDERLY
FASHION. ONE PATROL CAR WITH TWO POLICEMEN ARRIVED AT APPROXIMATELY
1030 AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM JAMAICA POLICE BOMB SQUAD ARRIVED
AT APPROXIMATELY 1100 HOURS.

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4. RSO WAS NOTIFIED AT 1015 BY SEABEE WHO WAS INVOLVED IN ON-SITE SURVEILLANCE OF CONSTRUCTION. RSO, ADMIN OFFICER AND THREE OFF-DUTY MARINES ARRIVED ON SITE AT APPROXIMATELY 1040 HOURS AND MARINES WERE INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE SECURITY COVERAGE OF EMBASSY FLOORS (3, 4, 5) AND EQUIPMENT BEING DELIVERED, TO PREVENT TAMPERING AND/OR THEFT. RSO INTERVIEWED TELEPHONE OPERATOR AND IN ABSENCE OF BOMB SQUAD AND APPARENT LACK OF COORDINATION/TRAINING ON PART OF TWO POLICEMEN AND MUTUAL LIFE OFFICERS, TOLD PERSONNEL OFFICER TO MOVE EMPLOYEES AWAY FROM BUILDING, STOP USING ELEVATORS AND PREVENT ANYONE FROM ENTERING PREMISES.

5. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF BUILDING MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AND WAS CONCLUDED AT APPROXIMATELY 1245 HOURS.

6. ACCORDING TO TELEPHONE OPERATOR, CALLER WAS MALE, SPOKE IN "PROPER ENGLISH" IN A NORMAL CLEAR TONE OF VOICE, WITH A "SLIGHT WEST INDIAN ACCENT," AND ADVISED THAT "THE MAN SOUNDED AS IF HE WERE MIDDLE-AGED.

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SHE HEARD NO BACKGROUND NOISES.

7. BOMB SQUAD INSPECTOR ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED IT WAS A HOAX AND INDICATED THAT A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, BANKS AND OTHER OFFICERS HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED SIMILAR THREATS.

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